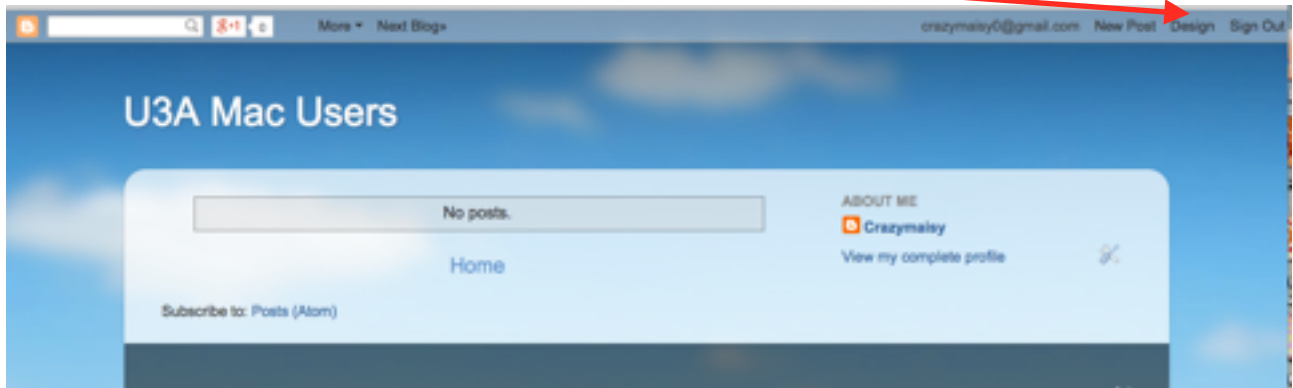


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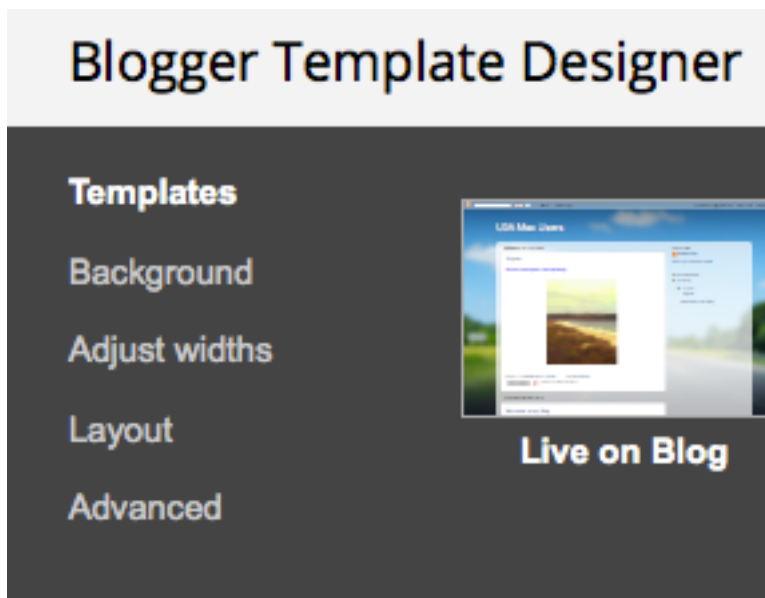
Refining your Blog Design

Log in. View your blog.

Select Design



You can change your blog theme here. Scroll down to view the many on offer. You can use these themes as they are or you can customise them. Click on the **theme** and you will see what it will look like applied to your blog. If you are happy with it click **Apply to Blog**. If you want to change it click **Customise**.



Templates: lets you change the template again. A record of templates you've tried is kept below so you can go back.

Background: this is where you can introduce a background image of your choice. Select the drop down arrow and select from the many themes or you may upload your own image.

Mac – You can also select a colour theme for your

iPad – You can select where to place your image and whether to tile the image and how to tile it.

Adjust widths: allows you to narrow or widen the area for your text and sidebar. Stick to how it is to begin with.


Layout: This is where you can choose Gadgets appear.

Advanced: You take control of everything. You can change just about everything that effects the look of your blog from fonts, text size to titles.


The most important thing to remember is to click [Apply to Blog](#) in the top right hand corner to keep any changes you are happy with.

[New post](#)


You can also access the Template design from the bottom of the menu on the left when you click [Design](#).

 **Overview**


[Overview](#) gives a general overview about your blog.

 **Posts**

[Posts](#) lists all your posts and their status. You can edit, preview or delete from here.

 **Pages**


Pages as above.

 **Comments**


[Comments](#) will list any comments made by your readers.

 **Google+**


Google+ is really for the serious Blogger ready to take on the world.


 **Stats**

[Stats](#) gives statistics about the viewing of your blog. You can see these in different timeframes. It also shows where people have been viewing from.

 **Earnings**

[Earnings](#) and [campaigns](#) for the money maker.


 **Campaigns**

 **Layout**

[Layout](#) is where you can add [Gadgets](#). Click Add Gadget and select the one you want. I recommend Follow by Email as friends will receive an email every time you update your blog once they subscribe.

 **Template**

[Template](#) is as described earlier.

 **Settings**

[Settings](#) allows you to control the privacy of your blog.

You can leave it as public or change to private. You can also choose to moderate comments which means you must approve them before they show up on the blog.

Have fun, experiment and enjoy your blog. Your friends will appreciate seeing what you are up to. I really enjoyed writing mine as it kept a detailed record of what I had done for me to go over on my return.